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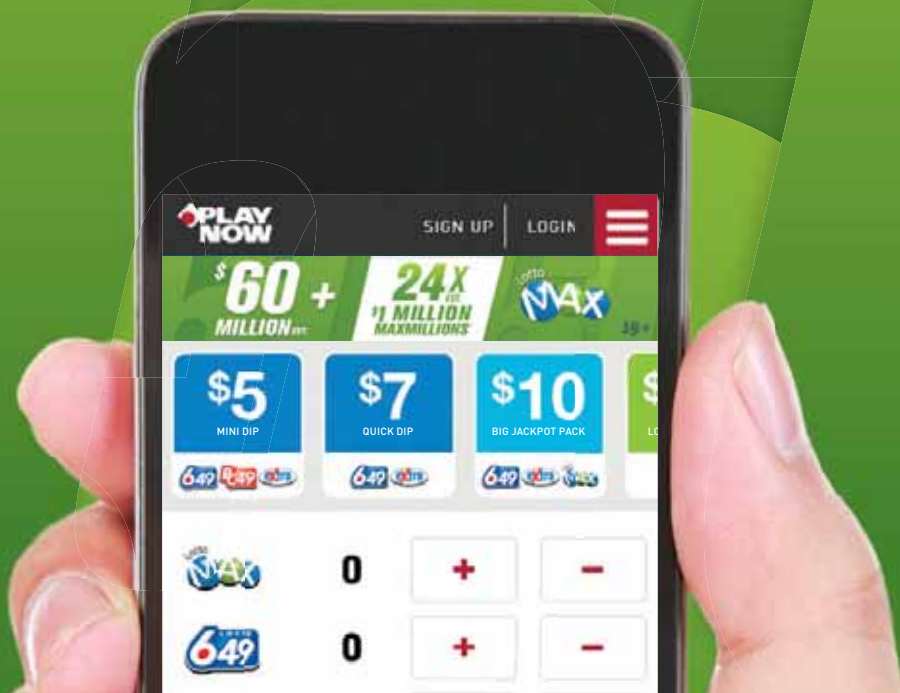
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Repeal mandatory sentences: Groups

LEGISLATION

Action in response to Eastside man's 1-year sentence



Matt Kieltka
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver man's fate hangs in the balance as two British Columbia groups urge the new Liberal government to repeal mandatory minimum sentences.

Joseph Lloyd, a Downtown Eastside resident, convicted of possession for the purpose of trafficking after being arrested with less than 10 grams of drugs on him, was supposed to face a mandatory one-year

jail term because of legislation enacted by the Conservative government in 2012.

However, a provincial court judge declined to impose the mandatory minimum sentence on Lloyd because it could amount to cruel and unusual punishment.

The federal government appealed and won, and Lloyd's challenge against the policy is now scheduled to go before

the Supreme Court of Canada in January.

Two intervenors in the case, Pivot Legal Society and Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, have called on Justin Trudeau's newly elected Liberals to repeal the policy, which they say is harmful, imposes disproportionately harsh punishments and doesn't take offenders' circumstances into account.

Smith said there are similar

cases across every jurisdiction in Canada.

Mandatory minimum sentences "are bad public policy," said Adrienne Smith, Pivot's health and drug policy lawyer.

"These laws are on the book right now and would be an order of Parliament to repeal them. Technically, there is time (before Lloyd's scheduled appearance)."

It's not known how the Lib-

eral government will proceed, but Smith said she's been encouraged by comments Liberal MPs have made around drug reform.

Vancouver Granville MP Jody Wilson-Raybould, new Minister of Justice and Attorney General, was in meetings during her first official day on the job and unavailable for comment, her spokesperson told Metro.

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'Flu shot or mask' policy to stay, top doctor says

HEALTH

Critics argue that masks don't reduce spread of flu



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British Columbia's top doctor says the province has no plans to reassess its mandatory "flu shot or mask policy" for health-care workers following an arbitrator's ruling striking down the policy in one Ontario hospital.

Dr. Perry Kendall, B.C.'s chief medical health officer, argued the Ontario ruling has no legal implications for health-care workers in this province.

"The decision in Ontario was technically only relevant to the one hospital, the Sault Area Hospital," he told Metro. "We don't feel that the evidence as presented or interpreted by the arbitrator is the right decision."

Kendall's comments come after a group of more than 100 B.C. health workers, who call themselves the "Concerned Health Care Providers," penned an open letter calling for the provincial government to suspend the vaccinate or mask policy until it has reviewed the Ontario ruling.

In September, arbitrator Jim Hayes ruled the "vaccinate or



Dr. Perry Kendall, B.C.'s chief medical health officer, says an Ontario arbitrator's ruling striking down the mandatory "flu shot or mask" policy in that province has no implications for B.C. health workers. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

mask" policy at Sault Area Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was unreasonable, and that it was "a coercive tool" to force health-care workers to get the flu shot.

In the wake of the ruling, Saskatchewan announced vaccinations or masks for health-care workers would be voluntary this flu season in that province while health authorities review Hayes' ruling. Alberta is also taking a

less heavy-handed approach to mandatory vaccinations for health workers.

Will Offley, a registered nurse in Vancouver who signed the open letter, said B.C.'s policy doesn't make sense from an infection-control standpoint, especially after last year's flu vaccine mismatch.

"Last year, there was zero protection," he said. "If the mask is really about infection control, the only logical thing

would have been to require all health-care providers to wear the mask regardless of their vaccination status, and that wasn't done."

Offley argued that there is also no evidence that wearing a mask works to reduce the spread of influenza.

But Kendall disputed the group's claims that masks don't work.

He argued that health workers should do everything in



Will Offley, a registered nurse, signed an open letter calling for an end to the province's mandatory vaccinate or mask policy for health-care workers during flu season.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

their power to protect their patients, especially vulnerable groups like seniors.

"There have been numerous ethical reviews of this issue," he said. "All of them say health-care workers have an ethical duty to take the steps they can to protect their patients."

The BC Nurses' Union is also actively fighting the mandatory policy first made compulsory in 2012. In September, the union filed a grievance against the policy in the form of an "industry wide application dispute."

Kendall acknowledged the union's grievance, but said until it has been addressed, the province remains firm on its stance.

"At some point, this may be revisited again," he said. "But not currently."

BUSINESS

Molson brewery sold

Molson Coors has sold its iconic Vancouver brewery at the south end of the Burrard Bridge and plans to build a new plant in B.C. within the next three years.

"Overall, I think we've got a very strong plan for reshaping the supply chain in Canada," Stewart Glendinning, CEO of Molson Coors Canada, said Thursday during a conference call.

Molson says it has found a purchaser for its 55-year-old Vancouver brewery, where beer bottling was discontinued earlier this year. In an email to Metro Thursday afternoon, a spokeswoman for the company said she could not disclose the buyer.

Molson plans to use the undisclosed proceeds to build a new plant over the next two to three years somewhere in the province for its brewing and distribution operations.

Until then, it will lease the current site from the new owner. Glendinning told analysts that the new Vancouver brewery will be more cost-effective and help to drive higher earnings.

Molson Coors wouldn't say specifically if it plans to reduce Canadian brewing capacity to meet declining consumption.

"You can rest assured that rightsizing our capacity is a key part of our plan," Glendinning said, adding the new operations would be more flexible to accommodate small and large brew formats.

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An alleyway in downtown Vancouver. The city of the future will look different, if the business improvement association gets what it wants. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

See you in Downtown 2040

CITY PLANNING

Art, activated alleys, 24/7 transit on the 2040 wishlist



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

By 2040, Downtown Vancouver will be an idyllic place where store awnings stop you from getting soaked by raindrops, which

illuminate public art when they hit the sidewalks that lead to public plazas or decorated alleyways where you can sip on adult beverages.

Well, it will be if the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association gets its way. These dreams, and many more, stem from a survey asking 11,000 Vancouverites to reimagine the city's core in next 25 years, an endeavour conducted to celebrate the association's 25th anniversary.

CEO Charles Gauthier believes some of the ideas on the long wish list could actually happen



(The alleyways) are really one of the forgotten places we have in our city.

CEO Charles Gauthier

as early as next year.

He'd start by activating alleyways to transform them from dead zones into "hidden gems" where people can see art and graffiti or sit on café patios, Gauthier said Thursday.

"They're really one of the forgotten places we have in our city," he said, with the caveat that Blood Alley has a bit of an activation.

It's a simple measure that wouldn't necessarily cost a lot, he said. Besides, Chicago does it all the time for arts and culture events, even if it's on a temporary basis. Telus Garden has plans to activate the alley behind its new headquarters and the Vancouver House plans to activate space under the bridges the foot of Granville.

Other ideas will require more

time and money from partnerships, be it with the city, foundations or senior levels of government, he said.

Ultimately, he hopes the level of participation lets city planners know that this is the direction people want the city to go. Gauthier was "just floored" by the number of participants.

"We really had no idea how many people would actually want to be engaged," he said. "I think that's a Vancouver thing. People really love this city, really love the downtown."

The final report lists the 20 most mentioned ideas as they

pertain to people, places and business.

It's not that they're the best ideas, Gauthier said, but the ones that resonated with the majority of people.

Standouts include building a new public square for musicians and performers, "rain-proofing" streets through high-tech awnings, allowing public access to rooftops, free transit around the downtown peninsula and relaxing liquor laws to allow drinking in public plazas.

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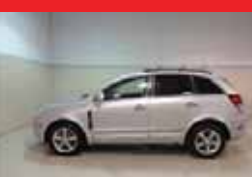
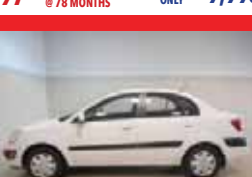
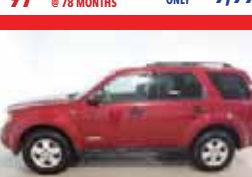
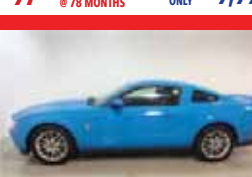
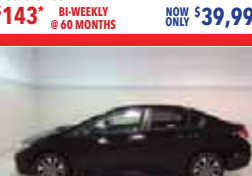
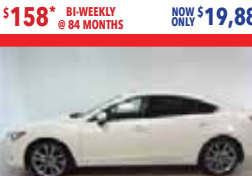
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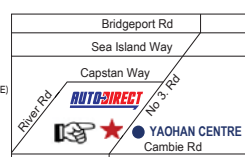


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The Hijdra family of Maple Ridge outside BC Place stadium prior to the FIFA Women's World Cup round of 16 match between Canada and Switzerland on June 21. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

City scored with FIFA World Cup

SOCCER

Economic boost was just under \$83M



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Busloads of American tourists crossed the border, girls' soccer teams flocked to BC Place, locals headed to the downtown fan zone to watch women's soccer — and the City of Vancouver cashed in on the buzz surrounding the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. Hosting the festivities resulted in \$82.9 million in economic activity in Vancouver and \$118.8 million in British Columbia, according to numbers released by Canada Soccer on Thursday. The

numbers are based on a Sport Tourism Economic Assessment Model provided by the Canada Sport Tourism Alliance.

That's a healthy chunk of the total \$493.6 million in economic activity resulting from the month-long tournament across the country, and well above the estimated \$36.7-million and \$52-million impact the games would have on the city and province respectively.

It's a big return on investment. The city spent \$1.2 million to build the fan zone in Larwill Park and the province invested \$2 million.

Vancouver reaped the most reward out of the six host cities, since it hosted nine matches including the final game between Team USA and Team Japan, according to a news release from the city that also credits its fan

130,000

The fan zone attracted more than 130,000 people on the 13 days it was open.

zone for the economic boost.

Ninety-nine per cent of all hotel rooms in the city were booked on the night of the championship game, a record for the hotel industry, according to the city. The quarter-final match at BC Place between Canada and England boasted the highest attendance with 54,027 heading to the stadium.

FIFA also paid to upgrade the turf at Empire Fields at Hastings Park.

DISABLED PEOPLE

Assets and cash gifts won't affect payments: Province

Families of disabled people broke down in tears after the British Columbia government announced their loved ones won't lose monthly assistance payments just for getting more financial help.

As of Dec. 1, the amount in assets that disabled people can hold will rise to \$100,000 for individuals who have the persons with disabilities designation and \$200,000 for couples in the same situation.

Currently, the asset limits are \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for couples.

Kathy Bromley could barely contain her emotions Thursday in the reception hall at the legislature.

"On behalf of our family, we thank you for recognizing our daughter, a hard-working, important and contributing member of society," Bromley said.

The change means B.C. and Alberta will have the highest allowable asset levels for people with disabilities in Canada.

In B.C., disabled people will also be able to receive cash more than once and still be eligible for assistance.

Higher asset limits mean money from an inheritance doesn't have to be put aside in a trust, and the current \$8,000 annual cap on trust payments will be eliminated.

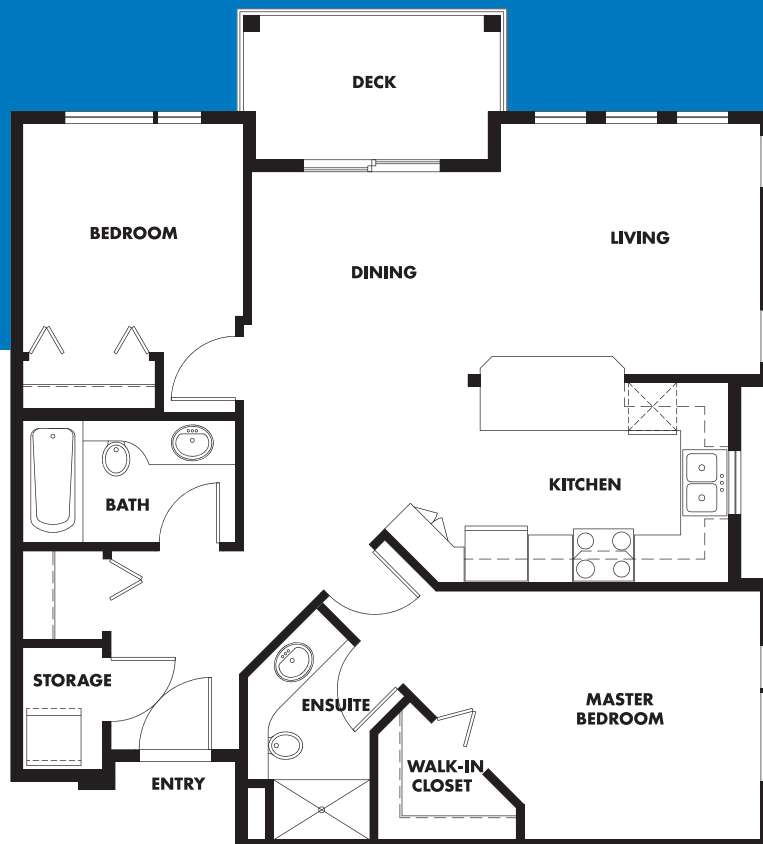
The NDP's social development critic Michelle Mungall said the government has taken a positive step for frustrated families. But Mungall said disabled women who get employment insurance during maternity leave will still have their disability benefits clawed back and their working rights need to be respected.

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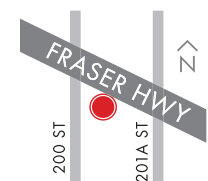
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RECREATION**Bear helps boost park visitors to record numbers**

With the help of a rare bear named Clover, the B.C. Wildlife Park in Kamloops is on track to smash its yearly visitor record.

General manager Glenn Grant said the park had more than 86,000 visitors at the end of its third quarter and expects to see over 100,000 people pass through its gates by year's end, which

would be a new record.

Grant said warm weather in the early months of the year helped bring in more people, as did Clover the Kermode bear, whose new enclosure opened to the public in May.

The orphaned Kermode, or spirit bear, became too comfortable around humans and was moved to the enclosure from Terrace, B.C.

The park is also benefiting from new tour-bus deals that

bring overnight visitors from California into the city.

"Those bus tours are actually coming because of Clover, and Clover's there because of your investment in the park," Grant told city council this week.

With numbers and revenue up, Grant said the park plans to create a capital-reserve fund to put toward future improvements.

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An Insights West poll shows Vancouver residents aren't so sure about council's decision to remove the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE PHOTO

Residents sound off on viaducts

SURVEY

Some say demolition only benefits developers



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Many Vancouverites believe that developers will be the big winners when the viaducts are torn down, but they aren't so sure the average citizen has anything to gain from council's contentious decision to get rid of the elevated roadway.

An Insights West online survey released Thursday found that 71 per cent of Metro Vancouver residents think the \$200-million demolition will only benefit developers, not

residents. The poll comes two weeks after council decided to get rid of the remnants of a freeway that was never completed. Developer and landowner Concord Pacific stands to make huge gains from the removal, as the new layout will make the condos they intend to build more valuable.

But council argues the removal will benefit the city by restoring east-west connections, creating more walkable environments and allowing for a larger park.

Residents aren't entirely sold on that argument.

While 36 per cent support the removal, 40 per cent oppose it, according to the poll.

Twenty-three per cent remain unsure.

Younger residents are slightly more likely to support tearing them down, with 39 per cent of 18 to 34 year olds saying they're in favour compared to 35 per cent of those older than 35.

But the vast majority has concerns about the neighbourhood Concord intends to build on the final piece of the Expo '86 lands.

Eighty-five per cent believe there's no guarantee the neighbourhood will be affordable.

The city, the province, PavCo and the developers are working out plans to sit down and negotiate the gritty details over who will pay for what, and when.

The survey of a representative sample of 547 Metro Vancouver adults was conducted between Oct. 30 and Nov. 2.

36%

Thirty-six per cent of residents support the viaduct removal and 40 per cent are opposed, according to the survey.

IN BRIEF

RCMP work to connect 2 violent attacks

Mounties in Dawson Creek are trying to determine if two violent incidents in the northeastern B.C. city are connected. RCMP say no one was hurt Wednesday when three shotgun rounds were fired into a home, which has been seized while police conduct an investigation. The man survived but Tyreman says he is not cooperating and that is hampering the investigation. Officers are urging anyone with information to speak to police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLICE

Woman dead, man injured after collision



Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

An 18-year-old woman is dead and a man is in hospital with a broken neck and head injuries after they were struck by a vehicle in Vancouver on Wednesday night.

Shortly before 8 p.m., a car travelling westbound on SE Marine Drive struck a woman and a man who were crossing at

Victoria Drive, according to Vancouver police.

After striking the pedestrians, the vehicle hit a power pole and crashed into a nearby bus stop, according to police.

The 20-year-old man remains in hospital with a broken neck and head injuries.

Police said the 54-year-old driver from Vancouver, who was not injured, remained at the scene and is co-operating with police. Her vehicle has been seized, police said.

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SOMETHING FISHY CLIMATE CHANGE MAY BE AFFECTING SALMON A spawning sockeye salmon makes its way up the Adams River near Chase, B.C., in October 2011. This year, Jim Cooperman of the Shuswap Environmental Action Society says only 3,000 sockeye salmon returned even though 149,000 came back during the same cycle on the river four years ago. Cooperman says climate change is likely one of the factors and wonders if the low return is the "canary in the coal mine" for the salmon population. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Despite progress, 'more can be done'

FIRST NATIONS

**B.C. aboriginal
education gap
not closing
fast enough**

B.C. has fallen well short of its 10-year commitment to closing the education gap between aboriginal and non-aboriginal public school students, reveals a report from the province's auditor general.

In the report released on Thursday, Carol Bellringer found that while high-school completion rates for First Nations students rose from 49 to 62 per cent over the last decade, they remained more than 20 percentage points below the 2015 target level of 85 per cent.

Graduation rates for non-aboriginal students increased from 82 to 87 per cent during the same period.

"There is a wide and histor-

ically persistent gap in graduation rates between aboriginal and non-aboriginal students in Canada," said Bellringer.

"While this is an improvement, more can be done because the gap has not closed."

The province pledged in 2005 to boost aboriginal student graduation rates to the 85-per-cent level anticipated for their non-aboriginal counterparts by 2015.

In 10 of B.C.'s 60 school districts fewer than half of aboriginal students graduated in 2014, with especially dismal results among students who live on reserve and those in provincial care, revealed the report.

It sets out 11 recommendations, including encouraging the ministry to collaborate with school boards, super-

intendents and aboriginal communities to create a shared, system-wide strategy.

This would allow the government to better monitor what works and what doesn't, and would also empower the ministry to intervene when dis-

tricts consistently show poor results, said the auditor.

Bellringer also advocated for improving teacher training to create safe, non-racist learning environments and introducing a B.C.-wide curriculum that addresses the past and present effects of colonization on aboriginal people.

"In the education system, racism can come from low expectations of certain students based on preconceptions and biases," she said.

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85%

The percentage to which B.C. had pledged in 2005 to boost aboriginal student graduation by 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLICE

Ferry jumper will face charges

A man is in police custody and is being assessed at a Victoria hospital after a bizarre series of events that began when he jumped off a B.C. ferry.

The unnamed man was a passenger aboard the Coastal Celebration at about 10 p.m. Wednesday when BC Ferries confirms he launched a 100-person life raft from the ship as it entered Active Pass,

west of Swartz Bay.

RCMP Sgt. Rod Pick says the man then leaped into the frigid water but a search by crew from the vessel and a second ferry failed to find any trace of him.

At almost the same time, Pick says a resident of Galiano Island reported she ran from her home after a wet, naked, incoherent man burst

in and began throwing furniture around.

Officers from several detachments arrived on the island and arrested a man inside the cabin of a nearby resort.

Pick says the man could face several charges linked to the incident on Galiano Island, while BC Ferries will also be pursuing charges.

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Power remains top-heavy

REFORM ACT

Liberal MPs defer decision to dilute PM's influence

Newly-minted Liberal MPs have passed on their chance to give backbenchers more clout and dilute the powers of their leader.

Under the Reform Act passed by all parties last spring — and

supported by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — each party's MPs were supposed to choose at their first caucus meeting after an election whether to adopt rules aimed at rebalancing power between MPs and their leaders.

Among other things, the rules would allow backbenchers to trigger a leadership review and potentially to oust their leader altogether.

But at their first caucus meeting Thursday, Liberal MPs chose unanimously to defer a decision on the rules until party members could weigh in on the matter at a national convention scheduled for late May.

"A number of the elements that were proposed in the Reform Act, in our view, weaken the role of the membership of the party," government House leader Dominic LeBlanc said following the caucus meeting.

"Our leader was not selected simply by a vote in caucus. Our leader was selected by an open, democratic process of members ... and supporters. So we didn't think it was appropriate at the first meeting of a new caucus to do something that would massively change the authority



Trudeau holds his first caucus meeting on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

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and the leadership that we've vested in the volunteers and the members of our party."

MPs agreed unanimously that such a dramatic change should only be approved by delegates to the next national convention, he added.

The decision to defer the matter came even as Trudeau is promising to empower MPs

from all parties, bolster parliamentary committees and reverse the centralization of power in the Prime Minister's Office.

The Reform Act was the brainchild of Conservative backbencher Michael Chong, who watered down a number of his original proposals in order to win all-party support,

including adding the caucus opt-in provision.

For a caucus that opts in, the act specifies that a leadership review vote can be triggered if 20 per cent or more of a party's MPs request it. A subsequent majority vote by MPs against a leader would be sufficient to force a leadership contest.

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MEDIA

'Because it's 2015' grabbing headlines

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's succinct "because it's 2015" explanation of his new, half-female cabinet has attracted international attention.

The New York Times, Newsweek, Slate, the NBC Nightly News website and various other U.S. news organizations reported on Trudeau's swearing-in on Wednesday, including his retort to a reporter when asked why having a cabinet with an equal number of men and women was important to him.

Newsweek cited a United Nations study to note that with Trudeau's gender-equal cabinet, Canada will now rank No. 4 in the world in terms of percentage of women in ministerial positions, tied with France and Liechtenstein. It was previously in 20th place, according to the UN Women report. Finland is No. 1.

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+ WORLD STATUS

Trudeau ranked 69th most powerful person: Forbes

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CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Harper exits, Ambrose steps in as leader

Alberta MP Rona Ambrose stepped into Stephen Harper's leadership shoes Thursday — albeit on an interim basis — as the Conservatives gathered for the first time since last month's election demoted them to the official Opposition.

Ambrose, who served as health minister in the last Parliament, had campaigned on a promise to bring a respectful and civil tone to debate in the House of Commons.

"I'm excited that we are going to be moving forward

with a strong opposition with confidence and optimism," she said, flanked by fellow Conservative caucus members chanting her name in support.

Ambrose said she's confident the party can enter a new era with a new tone and a new attitude, with their sights set on the next election in 2019.

"My colleagues chose me and they put their trust in me," she said. "We feel very optimistic about our chances in the next election."

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Surrounded by members of caucus, Rona Ambrose speaks after being named as the interim-leader of the Conservative party following a caucus meeting Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STATISTICS

Long-form census to return

The portrait of Canada is being restored.

Just a day after taking office, the Liberal government announced Thursday that the mandatory long-form census — axed by the Conservatives in 2010 — will be reinstated for the 2016 census.

"Today, Canadians are reclaiming their right to accurate and more reliable information," said Navdeep Bains, the newly named minister of Innovation, Science and Development.

With the next census, com-

“Canadians are reclaiming their right to accurate ... information.”

Navdeep Bains

munities will “once again have access to high-quality data they require,” said Bains, the MP for Mississauga-Malton.

He portrayed the decision as the first step of the Liberals'

commitment to “open and fair government.”

The announcement rolls back one controversial decision by Conservatives and one that prompted critics to charge that the Stephen Harper government was turning its back on fact-based decision-making.

During the census — done every five years — most Canadian households get an eight-question form. However, a longer, more detailed, 61-question form was distributed to one-in-five households. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Liberal minister dismissed from cabinet, caucus

Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil says Environment Minister Andrew Younger has been relieved of his duties and kicked out of the governing Liberal caucus.

Thursday night's announcement came after Younger didn't show up to testify at a trial for a woman who was accused of assaulting him. Younger said a law prohibits him from testifying in civil and criminal matters. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Migrants will number three million by 2016: EU

GLOBAL POLITICS

Nations want flexibility in spending during crisis

The European Union is predicting that 3 million migrants could arrive in the 28-nation bloc by the end of next year, with the refugee emergency already proving a stern test of EU border and reception capacities.

The arrivals are imposing costs for shelter, rescue operations and border security, but the EU estimates that the refugees are likely to bring economic benefits within a few years, notably in Germany, one of the preferred destinations for many people.

EU autumn economic forecasts released on Thursday show that based on current migrant entries and a "technical assumption" about future flows, arrival rates for migrants are unlikely to slow before 2017.

Despite the figures of refugee increases, the European Commission predicted that the population across the 28 EU nations would only rise by about 0.4 per cent. No obvious impact on employment levels is likely, it said.

"You cannot say that this influx of refugees is likely to have a negative impact, or some

700K

More than 700,000 people have come to Europe seeking sanctuary or jobs so far this year.

kind of a shift of kicking other people out of the labour market," the EU's top economics and finance official, Pierre

Moscovici, said.

However the EU said the real impact on national budgets is difficult to predict, given a lack of complete and reliable data about exactly who is arriving in the bloc and whether they

are staying.

Most people are arriving in Europe through Italy and Greece, while Hungary and Austria have been affected by heavy migrant flows. Germany and Sweden are also feeling the impact.

Those nations, among others, want the EU to apply its budget rules with flexibility, taking into account Europe's biggest refugee emergency in well over half a century, and avoid reprimanding member states for excessive spending and deficits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONSERVATION

Rhino arrives safely

A U.S.-born Sumatran rhino ate leaves and wallowed in mud at an Indonesian sanctuary Thursday as the U.S. formally handed over the animal in hopes he will have offspring and help save his critically endangered species from extinction.

The eight-year-old rhino is now in quarantine at Way Kambas National Park after travelling more than 16,000 kilometres from a zoo in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the Indonesian capital, Jakarta.

U.S. consular official Robert Ewing delivered the 1,800-pound rhino to Tachrir Fathoni, director general for Conservation of Natural Resources and Ecosystem at Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry, in a ceremony at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in the park in Lampung province.

"Thank you so much for the warm kindness (of the American people) for allowing the return of the one and only (Sumatran) rhino in the U.S.," Fathoni said.

Ewing noted the importance of Indonesia's biodiversity and the environment not just to Indonesians but to the world. It is hoped that Harapan can mate with one or more of the three females at Way Kambas.

An estimated 100 Sumatran rhinos, also known as the "hairy rhino," remain in the world and nine are in captivity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Harapan the Sumatran rhino
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MYANMAR ELECTIONS

'It's a very simple message'

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Thursday that she will be the true power above the country's president if her party wins historic elections this Sunday, circumventing a constitutional clause that bars her from the top job.

"It's a very simple message," Suu Kyi said, when reporters pressed her to explain what she meant. While another member of her National League for Democracy party would hold the presidential title, "I'll be above the president... I'll run the government." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Aung San Suu Kyi speaks

Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the media at a press conference at her home in Yangon, Myanmar. MARK BAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

2 National League for Democracy

Supporters of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy hold up their hands during a NLD rally in Yangon. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

3 Rally in Yangon

While the NLD party is expected to triumph at key elections this year, Suu Kyi's pathway to the presidency is blocked by a clause in Myanmar's constitution. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

CORRUPTION

'Horrendous' waste revealed in Kenya

Hand-pushed wheelbarrows have been purchased at \$1,000 each. A government ministry bought ball-point pens that usually cost 10 cents for \$85 apiece and a laptop and desktop computer for \$11,000.

A parliamentary committee in Kenya charged with oversight on government is investigating these and other "hor-

rendous" instances of waste of public funds through corruption, Nicholas Gumbo, the committee chairman, said on Thursday.

Many Kenyans are outraged at hearing about the depth of corruption, with almost daily revelation of graft reported on TV and radio newscasts about the hearings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



It's like a free-for-all.
Nicholas Gumbo

IN BRIEF

Former Justice Minister linked to 2014 shootings

Ukraine's Security Service says former Justice Minister Olena Lukash has been detained in connection with a probe into deadly shootings during opposition protests in 2014.

More than a hundred people were killed on and around Kyiv's central Independence Square (also called the Maidan) on Feb. 18-20, 2014, in sniper fire coming from nearby rooftops and windows. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

METROJET

Russia, Egypt dismiss theory that bomb caused plane crash

Five days after a Russian jetliner broke apart high above the Sinai, Russia and Egypt on Thursday dismissed Western suggestions that a terrorist bomb may have caused the crash that killed 224 people, saying the speculation was a rush to judgment.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, who spoke to the presidents of both countries in the very public dispute, said he had grounded all British flights to and from the Sinai Penin-

sula because of "intelligence and information" indicating a bomb was the probable reason a Metrojet Airbus A321-200 plane had crashed in the desert.

Egypt stands to lose millions of dollars from its vital tourism industry.

Caught in the middle are thousands of tourists stranded in Sharm el-Sheikh, unable to return home because flights have been suspended due to security concerns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ SPECULATION

President Obama reacts

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Telus to cut 1,500 jobs to lower its expenses

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Company also declares hike to shareholder dividends

Telus president and CEO Darren Entwistle says a plan to reduce its workforce by 1,500 positions is essential for the telecom company if it plans to continue growing its business.

"I can tell you this is not a discretionary activity, but one out of necessity," he said in an interview Thursday.

Telus said the job cuts, which represent about three per cent of its overall staff complement, would come mainly through voluntary departures and early retirements, with roughly half of them occurring before the end of this year. The remainder will be completed during the first quarter, the company said.



Telus Corp. says it's planning to reduce its workforce by 1,500 positions in an effort to cut annual costs by up to \$125 million.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

All together, the Vancouver-based company expects to save as much as \$125 million each year.

But the layoffs — which will be split evenly between unionized and management

positions — raise awkward questions for Telus, which also proudly declared another hike to its dividend payment to shareholders.

The company said it will raise its dividend by five per

cent to 44 cents per share, starting in January, after boosting its dividend earlier this year.

The two decisions shouldn't be linked with each other, Entwistle said. "If we elected not to raise the dividend we would still be pursuing this (cost savings) initiative."

Entwistle, who returned to the CEO role over the summer after the sudden departure of Joe Natale in August, said cutting expenses is essential if Telus hopes to fund its growth plans, which include new technological investments.

He said the company is also having to deal with pursuing growth amid a generally soft economy and "economic duress" in the Alberta market as weak oil prices ravage that province's economy.

As for the dividend increase, it simply continues part of a dividend growth model that was laid out nearly five years ago, Entwistle said.

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INVESTING

Five provinces ease crowdfunding rules

Ontario is joining four other provinces in regulatory changes that will allow the average Canadian to buy a stake in startups and small businesses through crowdfunding.

The Ontario Securities Commission's new rules will allow businesses to offer equity stakes through registered crowdfunding platforms, including online services, when they come into effect Jan. 28.

Websites like Kickstarter, Indiegogo and Patreon already operate in Canada, but funders on those websites don't get any ownership in the business.

Since 2013, accredited investors — those with financial assets of more than \$1 million, net assets north of \$5 million or who earn more than \$300,000 a year — have been allowed to participate in crowdfunding.

The new policy opens up this option to regular investors. It also means that companies seeking funding will no longer have to issue a 38-point prospectus detailing every aspect of their business, instead using what the OSC calls a streamlined 11-point disclo-

sure document meant to be easier for the companies to prepare and for investors to read.

Ontario joins Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in the deal, subject to approval from each provincial government. Five of those provinces, save Ontario, reached an agreement on similar crowdfunding exemptions in May 2015.

Saskatchewan is delaying its implementation of the latest deal pending a 60-day comment period.

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ENERGY EAST PIPELINE

Quebec export terminal nixed

Quebec will no longer host an oil export terminal for TransCanada's controversial Energy East Pipeline, the Calgary-based company announced Thursday.

Six months after abandoning a proposal to build a terminal northeast of Quebec City, TransCanada said it would amend its proposal to the National Energy Board to include a new route for the pipeline.

The company made the decision after "conducting thorough studies and consulting

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Endpoint is Saint John

TransCanada plans to build a 4,600-kilometre pipeline to transport 1.1 million barrels of Alberta crude as far east as Saint John, N.B., home to Irving Oil's massive refinery and the only planned export terminal for the project.

with many local communities,"

Energy East president John Soini said in an interview.

The pipeline is unpopular in Quebec and served as political fodder during the recent federal election campaign for the anti-Energy East Bloc Quebecois.

While ditching plans to export crude from Quebec, TransCanada said it will ensure refineries in Montreal and Quebec City are still able to access domestic crude from Energy East.

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New Real Estate Bonanza

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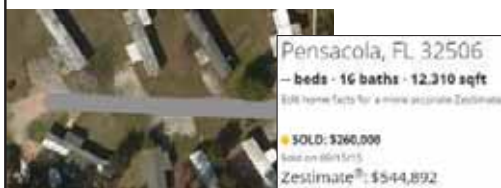
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Liberal-arts majors have a kindred spirit in the prime minister

Liberal-arts majors, rejoice. You've got a prime minister in your ranks.

The situation reminds me of this thing I had about bananas when I was a kid. One day, I ate a banana, and then when I lay on my stomach and tried to touch my toes to my head, I succeeded. It was an early ah-ha moment, and I continued to eat bananas before trying to touch my toes to my head until I lost interest. But it was a sad day, years later, when I ate a banana and broke my back.

So, Justin Trudeau may have a bachelor's degree in literature from McGill and one in education from the University of British Columbia, but he didn't win by investing in his education: he won by investing in being a Trudeau and then running a damn fine campaign.

That's not to say there's nothing of benefit to a banana, or an arts degree. In fact, Trudeau's education appears to be playing a role in his leadership style.

Take his exhaustive attention to ensuring a diversity of voices — plurality being an ethic at the heart of liberal arts — via the most diverse cabinet we've ever seen. And before you scream "Quota!" let's note that pundits are generally cheering the ministers' depth of experience in their respective portfolios, bemoaning only — if anything

— that some lack experience in politics.

Take also Trudeau's keen sense of dramatic scene-setting. The tedium of a swearing-in ceremony (watching 30 people repeat the same words and shake the same hands) became a jaunty celebration for the masses gathered outside Rideau Hall, drawing comparisons to the Kennedys' Camelot. If it is just political propaganda, it's of the public-inclusive, liberal-arts variety.

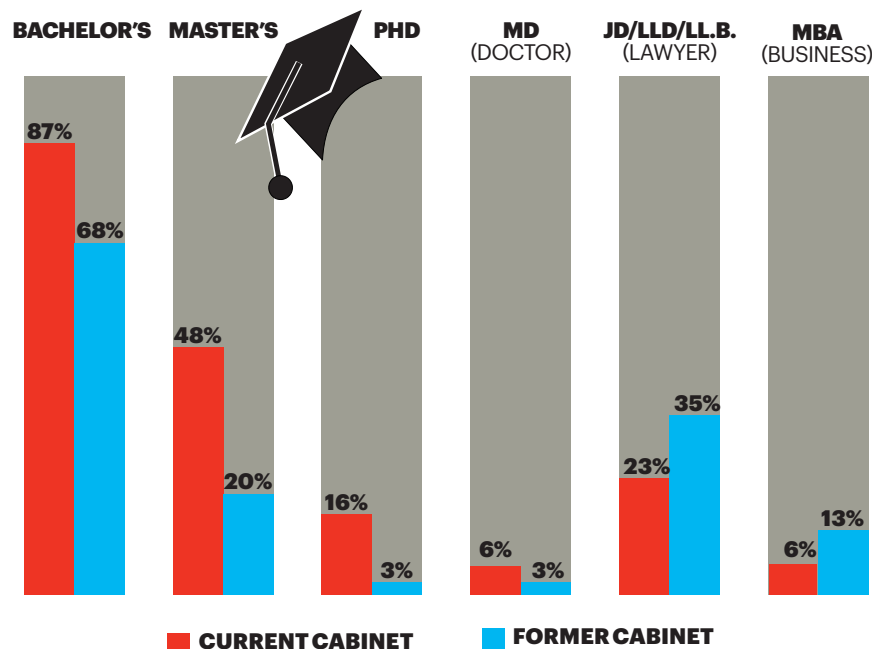
He made the connection himself, to school-aged kids, telling them his education degree informed his plans to "listen as much as he speaks" and be a mentor-prime minister, helping the cabinet members and Canadians "solve those challenges and get their answers."

Of course, personality informs leadership. And it's also not always true that degrees predict a prime minister's leadership style. Last time, we got an economist who ran the country based on ideology and hated data so much that he cut the long-form census and hollowed out science libraries.

But don't worry: the census is back. Which means that if you do happen to have an arts degree, and you do wonder what that means for your career prospects over time, just keep an eye on Statistics Canada. It'll be tracking that.

THE BIG THING: THE STACKED CABINET

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been packing his front bench with a high-powered cast of highly qualified MPs — a lieutenant-colonel, a CEO, an astronaut — but how does the expertise in the new, leaner 31-seat cabinet compare to the 40-member team the Conservatives had when the writ dropped in August? We crunched the numbers on members' scholastic success, then and now.



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CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

KIRSTY DUNCAN
MINISTER OF SCIENCE
Holds a Ph.D. in geography; member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007

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Family physician for more than 25 years, including nine in West Africa; holds a master's degree in public health

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Former chief economist of the Royal Bank of Canada and dean of arts at McGill University

When we legalize pot, let's be chill about it



Diane Baker Mason
For Metro

In the opening scene of the 1994 film *Pulp Fiction*, two affable hired killers discuss the legalization of marijuana. Vincent (the well-travelled one) tries to distill the complicated Dutch hash-bar laws by describing pot as "legal but not 100 per cent legal." You can own it, he explains, and you can smoke it, but you can't buy or sell it. His companion

Sound, enforceable legislation will take thought, care and time.

is baffled. Why does it have to be so complicated?

Why indeed? While this scene from a 20-year-old movie remains applicable to many Canadians' contemporary understanding of cannabis users (that they are criminals using a dangerous drug), most Canadians believe that pot should be legalized. Many point to the relative harmlessness of the drug and to its many medical uses. Those benefits were recognized in Canada by the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations issued by Health Canada in 2013, a narrow decriminalization that took years of legislative caterwauling to bring into force. Since then, there's been no serious chance of further decriminalization. At least, until now.

Now that we have our

shiny new prime minister, the issue of legalizing pot is again being passed around. Legal, regulated use is now only a matter of time, although Trudeau cannot say how much time. When asked recently, he indicated it could take years to draft, create and implement the new regulatory scheme. After decades of debate — during which many other jurisdictions globally have decriminalized and even completely legalized cannabis — are we in for another long wait?

Probably. Legalizing pot is not simply a matter of amending the Criminal Code, as Pierre Trudeau's government did in 1968, removing prohibitions against homosexuality and birth control. Pot smoking has an intoxicating effect (obviously), and there

do need to be controls on its use and sale. The nature and scope of the controls need to be identified and legislated. Then there is the tax revenue: an entire legislative scheme of collection, reporting and distribution. There's far more to it than just declaring pot to be "legal but not 100% legal."

Sound, enforceable legislation will take thought, care and time. Legalization is on the new government's agenda. At this point, there is no reason to keep asking the PM when pot will be legalized. The legislation will come in time. In the meantime, we should all just chill out.

And if you have difficulty chilling? Well, I know a guy...

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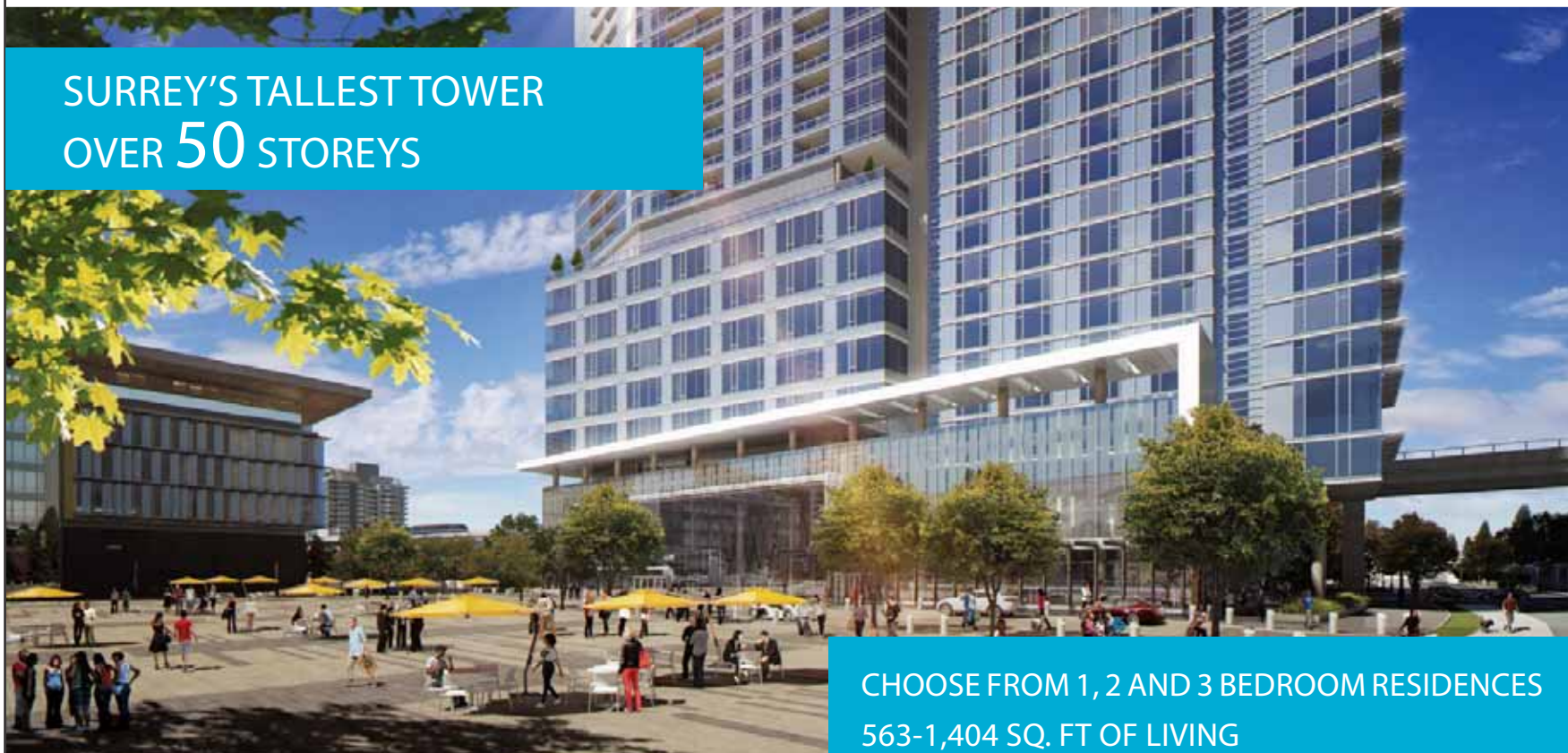
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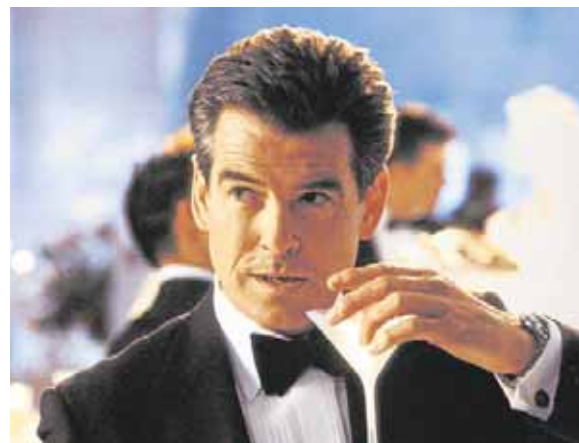
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While most people would say Sean Connery made the best 007, Richard Crouse's vote goes to Roger Moore. Daniel Craig is also a popular choice, while 1990s leading man Pierce Brosnan seems to be a less popular choice with the general public. HANDOUTS

Who made the best Bond?

MOVIE STARS

People's favourite 007 often the one they saw first

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



Who's your favourite James Bond? This weekend Daniel Craig suits up again, taking his fourth spin as the super spy in *Spectre*. The film's overseas reviews have been very strong and it will likely dominate the weekend's box office but who among us would call Craig the best Bond?

I have a theory that the Bond

nearest and dearest to your heart is the first 007 you saw projected on the big screen.

Popular consensus tells us that Sean Connery, who played the role in six films spanning 1962 To 1971 and then once again in 1983's non-officially sanctioned *Never Say Never Again*, is the best Bond. As cool as Connery was he isn't my top of the pops. Dr. No, the first 007 movie, came out before I was born and Connery more or less permanently parked his Aston Martin around the time I entered grade two.

The Bond that made the biggest impression on me was Roger Moore. I know critically speaking he wasn't the most beloved Bond. Pauline Kael once wrote about him, "Roger Moore is dutiful and passive as Bond; his clothes are neatly pressed



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Spectre ★★★★★
The Peanuts Movie ★★★
Miss You Already ★★★

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and he shows up for work, like an office manager who is turning into dead wood but hanging on to collect his pension."

I also know that hardcore spy fans considered Moore too well-mannered and pleasant to be effective, but he was my first, and I guess the first cut is the deepest because I still have a fondness for his breezy take on the super agent.

But that's just me.

To get a broader picture I did a highly scientific Double-Blind

Bond Peer Reviewed In House Clinical Trial (in other words I asked my Facebook and Twitter friends) to determine the world's favourite 007 portrayer.

The contenders were Connery, George Lazenby, Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and Craig — everyone who has played Bond in one of the 24 officially sanctioned 007 movies.

Several contributors brought up others like Barry Nelson, who played James Bond in a 1954 television adaptation of

Casino Royale. Also mentioned were David Niven's turn as Bond in 1967's *Casino Royale* and another actor who has never played 007. "Clive Owen," suggested one poster, "once they get around to casting him in the next one."

After eliminating the unofficial 007s and non-Bonds a team of experts (OK, it was just me reading through the posts as Live and Let Die played on the TV behind me) sifted through the results.

Pollsters said Brosnan Is Not Enough to '90s Bond Pierce Brosnan who came in dead last with just 1.9 per cent of the vote.

"I liked Pierce Brosnan because he embodied all the others combined," wrote one positive poster. "Charm, humour, ruthlessness, cunning."

Timothy Dalton earned 3.9

per cent with one respondent saying, "If there really was an agent who was an assassin with a licence to kill ... it would be him."

At 9.8 per cent, George Lazenby fared better than Brosnan and Dalton even though he only made one 007 film.

My favourite Bond came in third with 15.6 per cent, just behind Daniel Craig's 21.5 per cent. "Craig gets me wanting to watch whereas the others are placeholders," wrote a Facebook friend, "Sorry."

By far and away, Sean Connery was the winner with a whopping 39.2 per cent of the vote. This comment seems to sum up the reason why people like him. "Sean Connery because Sean Connery!"

Who is your favourite Bond? Chime in at @metropicks.



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Toni Collette and Drew Barrymore star in Catherine Hardwicke's *Miss You Already*, a 'life-affirming' movie about friendship, love and a cancer diagnosis



Drew Barrymore and Toni Collette are two inseparable girlfriends in *Miss You Already*. CONTRIBUTED

Drew all grown up

Drew Barrymore gets excited about ideas, work, memories and friends, drops an occasional F-bomb, adores her kids, "these baby girls who are everything in my universe" and wishes "every billboard in the world" carried the message that life begins at 40.

In September, the morning after Catherine Hardwicke's dramedy *Miss You Already* had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, Barrymore praised *Miss You Already* co-star Toni Collette, who plays self-absorbed wild child Milly to Barrymore's rock-steady Jess, two long-time girlfriends dealing with motherhood, relationships and unexpected tragedy.

Miss You Already opens in theatres today.

"I feel like I've been like Milly in my life at some points, but I'm much more like Jess now in my life," says Barrymore. Her often-tumultuous childhood led to rebellious teenage and young adult years. It's all out there; her 1990 autobiography *Little Girl Lost*, details everything.

"*Little Girl Lost* is a let-me-try-to-put-my-life-back-together



“**(*Miss You Already* is) such a love story for women and all being done by women.**

Drew Barrymore

written by, honestly, another man (Todd Gold). He did the typing, I did the talking," says Barrymore.

She's written her own story now, a series of essays and reflections on various stages of her life called *Wildflower*. An early version of the book peeks out from her tote bag, the pages dog-eared from proofreading.

"I think you will be very surprised," Barrymore says of *Wildflower*. "It's a shuffled deck. It goes from (age) 5 to 35 to 7 to 18."

Married since 2012 to art consultant Will Kopelman, the couple has two daughters: Olive, soon to be 3, and Frankie, 17 months. Since motherhood she's pulled back from acting to focus on family. "I can't tell you the beauty of how much room that makes for other things," Barrymore says of step-

ping away from the "5 a.m. to midnight" world of acting. "It makes room for me to be the kind of parent I want to be."

But she does occasionally say yes, even if, as with *Miss You Already*, the timing isn't ideal.

"That's why I was so angry when (*Miss You Already*) came my way," Barrymore says. "I had just had my second daughter, Frankie, and I was like, 'I can't even read this. How am I going to do this?'"

Making a film that was "such a love story for women and all being done by women, I got really drawn into what that would be," Barrymore said. "And maybe my girls when they're older can watch this and the whole womanly aspect of it, (which) felt really safe and appropriate for where I was at that moment in my life."

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Toni gets teary eyed

Miss You Already aims to bob along at a buoyant, lively pace even while staring intently at the reality of a cancer diagnosis.

Toni Collette's Milly flashes bartenders and commandeers cabs for impromptu roadtrips, while also dealing frankly with hair loss, life-altering surgery and sudden bouts of nausea.

Director Catherine Hardwicke recalled when her father had cancer he still made "wicked jokes, even at the last minute." She and Collette talked to cancer survivors to ensure they were getting other details right, and they were validated by the response of those who have seen the film.

Still, the movie is definitely a three-hankie weeper. Even Collette can't help crying when talking about her character, Milly, the former wild-child mother of two whose world shatters when she's diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Every time — I'm going to start crying thinking about it, sorry — every time we got to the scene where Milly has to tell her daughter goodbye, I just couldn't (do) it," said Collette, mom of a son and daughter, wiping away tears. "It still



“**It's a film about friendship and love — all you have to do is be human to relate.**

Toni Collette

gets to me. It must be one of the hardest things you'd have to do if you were facing your own mortality."

It's also a story about enduring female friendship. Milly's lifelong sidekick Jess (Drew Barrymore) is her rock, but even their bond is tested by Milly's illness and changes in Jess's life. When Collette hears people are compelled to call their best friend as soon as they came out of the theatre, "Drew and I are like, high five, we've done our job."

Australian Collette, 43, first captivated moviegoers as marriage-minded, ABBA-loving Muriel Heslop in *Muriel's Wedding* in 1994. She was nominated for an Oscar for *The Sixth Sense* and went on to star in *About a Boy*, *Little Miss Sunshine* and *The Way Way Back*, while earning critical praise

and a Golden Globe for handling multiple roles in *Diablo Cody's* Showtime TV series, *The United States of Tara*.

"I have somehow avoided categorization. I remember when *Muriel's Wedding* came out ... and people were sending similar characters to Muriel," she says. "But I knew not to play the same character. Once I've done it, it's out of my system," she says.

The character in *Miss You Already* that she initially wanted to play was Jess. "(But) Jennifer Aniston was playing my part and for whatever reason she dropped out. A friend said you should be playing the hot mess and I said, 'You're f—ing right!' I rang the producer and said, 'It's over. I'm playing Milly.'"

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MUSIC

A short history of the James Bond songs that finished second

Alan Cross
For Metro Canada



Spectre, the 24th movie in the James Bond franchise, has its North American premiere today. As usual, the film begins with an OTT action sequence (shot with 1,500 extras in Mexico City) before segueing into Sam Smith's Writing on the Wall and the opening titles. It's rumoured his song, written in half an hour with collaborator Jimmy Napes,

beat out submissions by Lana Del Rey, Ed Sheeran, Florence and the Machine, Coldplay, Ed Sheeran, Bruno Mars, Muse, Radiohead (the bookies' favourite) and half a dozen others.

Having your song chosen as a theme in the most successful movie franchise is a big honour, not to mention lucrative.

Smith's Writing became the first Bond theme to reach No. 1 in the U.K., something that even Paul McCartney couldn't manage with Live and Let Die (the BEST Bond theme ever. Don't even try



So these songs are gone forever, right? Not a chance. As with most things, what might have been is a just a YouTube search away.

to argue with me.)

Del Rey, Sheeran, Florence et al have joined a long list of Bond theme also-rans. Rejected Bond songs would make an interesting album.

Debbie Harry's submission for For Your Eyes Only (1981)

was passed over Sheena Easton's song of the same name, which just happened to be co-written by Bill Conti, the composer of the film's score. Alice Cooper really wanted the song gig for The Man with the Golden Gun (1974) but he should have prob-

ably thrown in more lyrical references to the movie. He lost out to Lulu who had her song written and arranged by John Barry, who scored the whole film.

In retrospect, it would have been much cooler to hear Johnny Cash sing over the opening credits of Thunderball (1965) instead of Tom Jones, but at the time, Cash's image didn't exactly scream James Bond. He was in good company, though. Dionne Warwick and Shirley Bassey also had their songs rejected.

There was a ton of competi-

tion for Tomorrow Never Dies (1997) with KD Lang, Pulp, The Fixx, Saint Etienne and Swan Lee all submitting songs for consideration but they all lost to Sheryl Crow.

Other Bond losers include, Laura Branigan (Octopussy, 1983), Ace of Base (Goldeneye, 1995) and Straw (The World Is Not Enough, 1999) and Shirley Bassey (again, this time for Quantum of Solace, 2008). There are also stories of Bond flirting by the Pet Shop Boys, The Pretenders and even the Beach Boys.

SIR WILLIAM STEPHENSON

The real-life spy who inspired Fleming

One of the world's greatest spies was an operative for England with an affinity for martinis, a suave rapport with elite power players, and an uncanny ability to infiltrate and eliminate threats.

This isn't the fictional James Bond we're talking about, but the real-life Sir William Stephenson — a quiet Canadian code-named Intrepid who many believe inspired author Ian Fleming to create his over-the-top British spy hero.

"Without doubt, Fleming's idea of James Bond is based on Sir William," says Cord Hart, a former CIA operative and U.S. Army colonel who got to know Stephenson through intelligence circles in the early '80s.

With the latest instalment in the bombastic 007 franchise, Spectre, hitting theatres Friday, descendants and admirers of the late Winnipeg-born war hero say Stephenson's impressive exploits are too little known.

"I always tell people he's the most famous Winnipegger of all time," says Heartland Travel and Tours owner Don Finkbeiner, whose tours include a stop at a bronze life-size statue of Stephenson near the Manitoba



Sir William Stephenson.
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legislature.

"Nobody even comes close. And I would suggest he's the most famous Canadian of all time."

Of course, the fact that many of Stephenson's activities were clandestine makes for murky claims to the Bond title. Not to mention the fact Fleming has said he based the character on several people he met throughout the course of his wartime naval career.

But advocates seize on Fleming's oft-cited comment that Bond was "a highly romanticized version of a true spy."

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The behind-the-scenes drama on the Spectre set included the secretive script being leaked in the Sony hack. HANDOUT

The off-screen drama

SPECTRE

If you don't like problems, don't become a film producer

Before James Bond could even get himself into his first pickle, a shadowy international threat loomed.

About a week into shooting Spectre, James Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson got some bad news.

Not only had a draft of the highly secretive script been leaked in the infamous Sony hack, but it came along with a slew of private communications about the film, highlighting its third act problems, multiple rewrites, ballooning budget and one very significant spoiler.

Broccoli and Wilson didn't find this out from the Internet or even Sony — the distributor and co-financier on Spectre.

They read about it in a newspaper. With phone lines and email servers down, they couldn't even get in touch with their partners in the immediate aftermath.

"It was a bit tricky for us," Broccoli acknowledged.

But beyond making sure the copyrighted script was taken offline, she said they essentially just proceeded with making the film.

"You know what they say, you shouldn't see how a sausage is made," Wilson said in a recent phone interview from Mexico City.

He and his step-sister Broccoli were in the capital to attend a premiere of Spectre, the 24th in the 53-year-old film series, which bows in North

America this Friday.

The purported drama that the hacked emails exposed is no more or less than they've experienced on any other film in the franchise, noted Broccoli in the phone interview.

"They're challenging films to make because of the size of what we do," she said. "I always say, if you don't like problems, don't become a film producer."

Spectre certainly doesn't skimp on size. The film, which finds the martini-swilling spy on a multi-continent quest, opens with a complicated tracking shot in the streets of Mexico City for the Day of the Dead parade, featuring over 1,500 extras dressed and painted to perfection.

It required 1,500 unique costumes, 75 costumers, five months of preparation, two helicopters and police escorts

for the buses used to transport the extras.

And that's only one of the film's exotic set pieces. There's also the 400 tons of man-made snow that they had to use in Austria, the 18 nights they spent shooting a car chase in Rome, and the sand storms and 113-degree temperatures they found in Erfoud, Morocco.

The film's budget is reported to be near \$250 million.

But Bond is big business and the series has been on an upswing.

The last film, Skyfall, was produced for a reported \$150-\$200 million and became the highest grossing Bond film ever with over \$1.1 billion in ticket sales worldwide.

Spectre sees the return of Skyfall director Sam Mendes and star Daniel Craig in his fourth film as 007.

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“Friends can throw down with each other in the most amazing way, and recover in a different way than lovers.”

with each other in the most amazing way, and recover in a different way than lovers.”

Truth. If Simon told me that I had two weeks to lose four pounds in order to get to an arbitrary weight that I chose back in January, I’d murder him. But my friend, a female, did. And I appreciate it.

We made a pact some 10 months ago to lose the 15 pounds we’d gained at our new jobs. We take turns making healthy lunches. We record our calorie intakes. We send encouraging texts. She reached her goal months ago. But I still have those four pounds. (Believe me: I could stand to lose more, but being thin would be off-brand for me.) It’s crunch time and she’s had to resort to tough love, like suggesting I cut out at least 200 calories a day by not drinking wine with dinner.

That’s the stupidest (most-reasonable) thing I’ve ever heard. Wine isn’t my problem. Neither is breakfast (oatmeal) or lunch (salad.) It’s dinner, mostly because I eat two of them.

While I was working on my miss-you-already-pizza-and-pasta-meal-plan for the week ahead, I leafed through The French Women Don’t Get Fat Cookbook, written by Mireille Guiliano. I decided to make her recipe for roasted sea bream with vegetables.

It’s simplicity sounded too good to be true: toss chopped onion, potato, yellow pepper and tomato in olive oil, salt and pepper, and bake. Add the fish on top with some lemon and

bake a little longer. Serve with fresh cilantro sprinkled on top. It was both delicious and satisfying.

Like clockwork, we got

up after finishing our first plate to refill in the kitchen. That’s when it occurred to me: the recipe was for four people, not two.



French women don’t get fat because they don’t have a second dinner.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV’s The Social.

I was part of a chain of swollen-eyed, wet-sleeved viewers who exited the theatre after a September screening of Miss You Already, a film about two best friends who cope with infertility, infidelity and a cancer diagnosis. Part of me felt angry, like I’d just been emotionally manipulated. And, having seen movies like Love Story, Terms of Endearment, Steel Magnolias and Beaches, I should have known better. The other part just wanted to run up to the closest stranger and say, “Hold me!”

But don’t go see Miss You Already, which opens on Friday, just because you need a good cry. See it because Toni Colette, as the wild free spirit, Milly, and Drew Barrymore, as the more firmly anchored Jess, deliver exceptional performances of their flawed, complicated characters. See it because there’s been plenty of talk about gender inequality in Hollywood but here’s a movie starring two women, directed by a woman, written by a woman, about women.

“A very long female friendship is as profound as a relationship with your children and your spouse,” Barrymore recently told the New York Times, “and yet it’s really given third credit. Friends can throw down

TV PREMIERE

Khloe to chat with kin and confidantes over Kocktails

Khloe Kardashian’s new talk show has a premiere date. The FYI channel says Kocktails With Khloe will start Jan. 20. It will be the gathering place for celebrity friends and family, who will join her on a set that replicates a home environment, complete with dining area and a functional kitchen. There will be eight weekly



episodes, FYI said Thursday.

She’s been part of her family’s TV empire in shows including Keeping Up With the Kardashians and Khloe and Lamar, which featured NBA star Lamar Odom, her husband from whom she later filed for divorce.

She recently halted divorce proceedings as Odom recovers from an apparent overdose of cocaine and other drugs at a Nevada brothel, where last month he was found unconscious. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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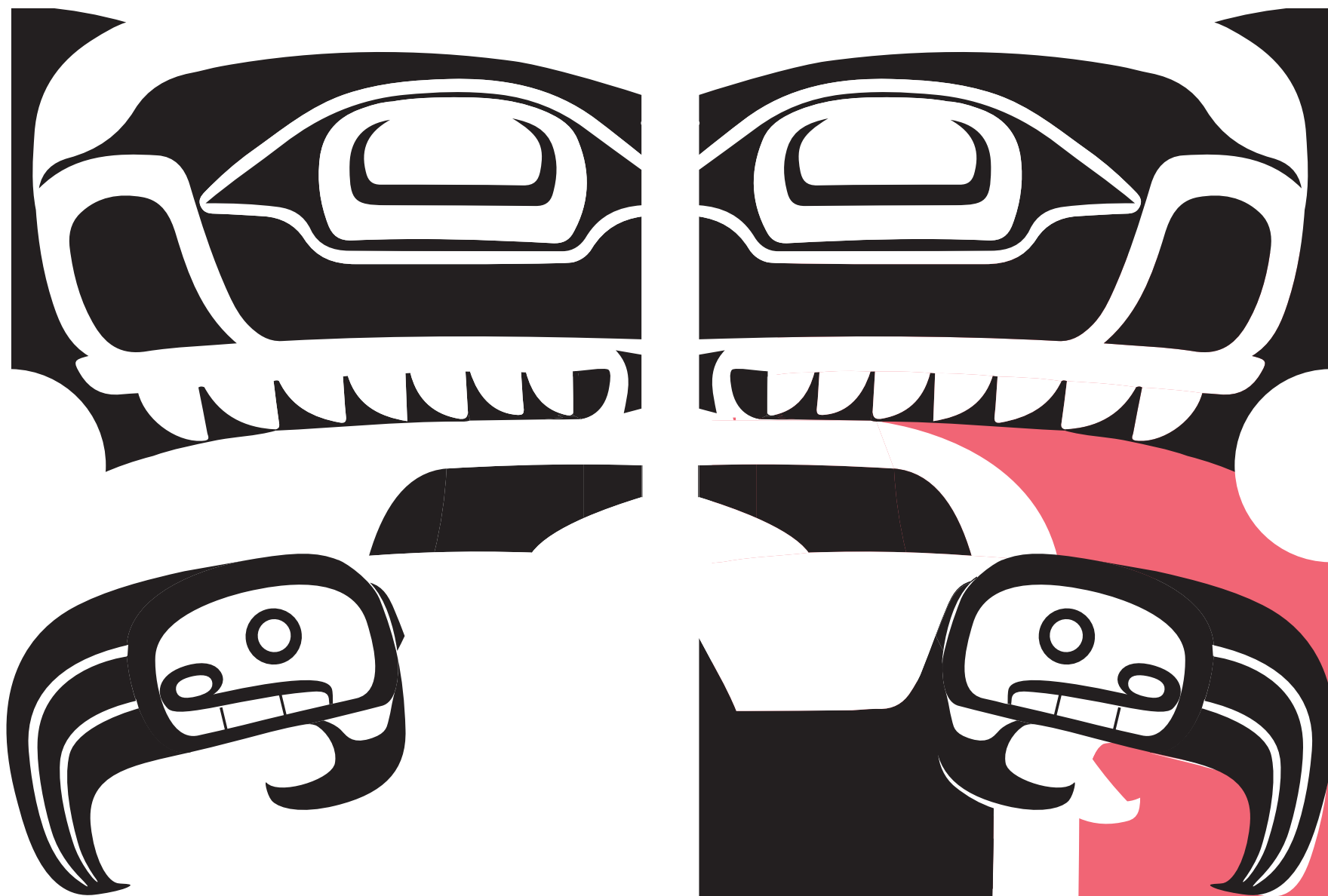
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Not every adaptation of a show stays faithful. With The Peanuts Movie hitting theatres — and in a beautifully exact (if high-def) simulacrum of the strip's storied TV specials, complete with actual kids doing the voices — here's a look at other movies that got it right **MATT PRIGGE/METRO NEW YORK**



1 And Now for Something Completely Different (1971)

Source: Monty Python's Flying Circus

As a troupe and individually, Monty Python made several landmark films that kept the spirit of their experimental sketch show without actually being them. But their first movie was exactly like the show. In fact it was simply a best-of sketch cavalcade, with greatest hits (the parrot sketch, The Lumberjack Song, Upper-Class Twit of the Year, etc.) re-shot, and with no laugh-track. The reason? They wanted to invade America and no one had heard of them. Monty Python and the Holy Grail would take care of that better than their cinematic debut, but it's still a fine entrypoint for newbs.



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2 The Naked Gun (1988)

Source: Police Squad!

Doing a film of Police Squad! made sense: The show, which ran for only six episodes in 1982, found David and Jerry Zucker plus Jim Abraham (a.k.a. ZAZ) trying to do for TV what they had done with Airplane! on film. In fact, it was the quick jokes and never-ceasing sight gags that got it yanked from the air; as one exec infamously said, it didn't work because it required viewers actually pay attention. So back to film they went, keeping pretty much everything but adding big (or, well, biggish) names like George Kennedy, Priscilla Presley, Ricardo Montalban and O.J. Simpson, who spends the film either physically abused or hospitalized.



3 South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999) Source: South Park

There's tons of swearing, a couple of big-name cameo voices, a barrage of musical numbers and even a couple effects that are more than two guys working with construction paper. But the South Park movie, which hit theatres in the midst of the show's third season, is basically the same thing, only better than usual. Indeed, if it did anything it established that the show was no fluke, and that creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone had a true, unique angle on America, repression, hypocrisy and anything else they saw fit to satirize. After this the show would be even more giddy about tackling hot button topics, to all of society's betterment.



4 Jackass: The Movie (2002), Jackass 2 (2006), Jackass 3-D (2010) Source: Jackass

Like the South Park movie, the inevitable Jackass movies were bigger and raunchier but essentially the same thing. In this case, the films are mere conveyor belts of gross-out stunts and body trauma, exploring what the physique can take or how far the squad members will go in the pursuit of their, um, craft. Not that they were simply TV on movie screens: by the third we get dildos flying out of the screen in beautiful 3D — surely one of the more original uses of a technology too often used for the truly crass and lowest common denominator.



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Even now, almost 30 years after his wildly publicized reign as the town's mayor, Clint Eastwood remains a towering figure in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Tourists fantasize about bumping into him at his restaurant at Mission Ranch, the Hollywood icon's nine-hectare property just outside of town, and look for him as they explore the tony streets and hidden courtyards of this unendingly charming coastal community on California's Monterey Peninsula.

But these days Eastwood is more likely to be found teeing it up at nearby Pebble Beach Golf Links, the fabled course he co-owns with Arnold Palmer and former Major League Baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

One of the finest, most dramatic courses anywhere, Pebble Beach is the undisputed golf headliner of a famously seductive peninsula two hours south of San Francisco that includes the communities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, Seaside and Pebble Beach.

Pebble Beach, a bucket-list course for every golfer, charges a green fee of \$495, one of the most expensive in the game. But the good news is that golfers don't have to break the bank to enjoy memorable golf on the



Co-owned by Clint Eastwood, Pebble Beach golf course in Monterey, Calif., offers dramatic views from its emerald fairways. ISTOCK

Monterey Peninsula. Pebble Beach's sister courses, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and the Links at Spanish Bay, both offer spectacular ocean views at more palatable prices.

Another local beauty is Del Monte Golf Course, opened in 1897 and the oldest course in continuous operation west of the Mississippi. Two recently renovated layouts, Poppy Hills Golf Club and Quail Lodge Golf Course, are also highly regarded designs.

And a special favourite of knowledgeable golfers is Pacific Grove Golf Links, an affordable oceanfront beauty known as the "other Pebble."

Between rounds, head back to Carmel to explore a coastal town jam-packed with upscale restaurants, hidden courtyards, quirky passageways, a curant art galleries and elegantly cosy inns.

One of the most popular places to stay is Cypress Inn, co-owned by another Hollywood legend and local resident, Doris Day. The hit recordings of the now 91-year-old Day are piped into the 44 sunny rooms of the 1929 local landmark.

Carmel's small downtown is an architectural mishmash of English-style country houses, Swiss chalets and, most notably, the 21 whimsical fairy tale



Main Street in Carmel-by-the-Sea. ISTOCK

cottages built by local architect Hugh Comstock starting in the 1920s. Eastwood, who was elected for a two-year term

in 1986 on a pro-progress platform, dismissed these Comstock Cottages as "Smurf homes." Once a bohemian refuge for

artists such as writer Jack London and photographers Ansel Adams and Edward Weston, Carmel now numbers among the most exclusive addresses in California. Real estate prices soar ever higher on the approach to Carmel Bay, where the sea ebbs and crashes against a long white-sand beach.

Glimpsed at cliff-top across the bay are the emerald fairways of famed Pebble Beach, for golfers the most alluring of all the wonders on the Monterey Peninsula.

For more golf destinations, visit Brian's website at canadiangolftraveller.com

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Park City, Utah. CONTRIBUTED

Travel field journal
New book Do Big Small Things inspires readers to connect with the transformative power of travel. Written by travel company G Adventures founder Bruce Poon Tip, it functions as a type of visual workbook, where you are encouraged to record the essence of your trips, however far-flung or close to home, and share the creativity online. \$30 (Collins), DoBigSmallThings.com.



Draw inspiration from your travels. CONTRIBUTED

Bucket list: Osaka
Tokyo's sexier cousin Osaka is so worth building into your Japan plan. The nightlife, the amazing food, the shopping, the history — this tiny city of only 19 million practically vibrates. From the Osaka Castle with its huge moat to the Shin-to Sumiyoshi-taisha Shrine, you won't lack for ancient culture to soak up. Plan for spring to hit apple blossom time. Visit osaka-info.jp. DOUG WALLACE



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Tips for booking your sun holiday

ON THE MOVE

All-inclusive resort evolves, Cuba beckons

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada



Attention sun seekers: There are a few things you need to bear in mind as you plan your winter vacation.

It is not going to be a great year for cheap and cheerful deals. Most tour operators do their contracting in U.S. dollars so the unfavourable exchange rate means sun holidays will be harder on the wallet.

Additionally, it is shaping up to be a strong El Niño winter, which means cooler temperatures in closer (and typically cheaper) destinations like Florida, Bahamas, Cuba and parts of Mexico. Although it is impossible to fully predict the weather, those craving heat are advised to drop a few extra dollars and go a little farther south.

According to the Caribbean



The waterfront of historic Punda with its Dutch colonial architecture in Willemstad, Curaçao. iStock

Tourism Organization, the Dutch island of Curaçao, located just 60 kilometres north of Venezuela, is the fastest-growing Caribbean destination for Canadians. Transat begins its inaugural flights to the island in December.

Resorts go upscale

The all-inclusive resort continues to evolve, going more upscale with better food, decor, service and higher-end liquor choices. Karisma Hotels, for example, are branding themselves as gourmet

inclusive versus all-inclusive because of their all à-la-carte dining — no buffets and no reservations required.

Hyatt has broken into the all-inclusive market with upscale resorts such as the Hyatt Ziva and Hyatt Zilara, and

mega resorts such as Casa de Campo in Dominican Republic continue to grow in popularity.

Spanning 7,000 tropical acres, Casa de Campo is home to three golf courses, a 370-slip Marina and Yacht Club, a

polo club and Altos de Chavón, an artisan's village modelled after a 16th-century Mediterranean city with boutiques, museums and a 5,000-seat Grecian-style amphitheatre.

Hot spots

Destinations in Central America such as Roatán, Honduras, are growing in popularity. Panama has opened a new airport in Río Hato, drastically cutting the transfer time to many of that country's most popular resorts.

Tourism to Cuba is up almost 25 per cent as Canadians race to see it before the country opens up to the wider U.S. market. A great option for those wanting to explore this gem of a destination is Cuba Cruise.

Introduced just two years ago, this small ship offers a seven-night itinerary that circumnavigates the island, stopping at the less-travelled ports of Cienfuegos, Santiago de Cuba and exotic Maria la Gorda. It also includes an overnight stay in the lively capital of Havana and the chance to snorkel above colourful coral reefs.

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Mets pitcher Matt Harvey was named the NL Comeback Player of the Year and Rangers DH Prince Fielder earned the AL honour

Lulay looking to seize 'precious opportunity'

LIONS

Veteran QB to start final regular-season game vs. Stamps



Cam Tucker
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The long-term future of quarterback Travis Lulay will be a discussion for another late-autumn or winter day.

As for this weekend, he'll be back in a familiar spot as the B.C. Lions starting quarterback.

Head coach Jeff Tedford confirmed Thursday that Lulay is the starter for the regular-season finale against the Calgary Stampeders at BC Place Stadium on Saturday.

Third-string quarterback Greg McGhee will also get some playing time.

Jonathon Jennings will be on the sidelines but is likely to get a rest heading into the playoffs.

The change is just one of many expected for the Leos on Saturday, especially in the receiving corps, said Tedford.

B.C. has secured a playoff spot, which means entering the post-season with as many healthy players as possible is one of the main objectives.

"I'm really excited about the

AWARDS

Bighill's play recognized

Linebacker Adam Bighill was named B.C.'s outstanding player and a unanimous pick as the team's top defensive player. Voting was conducted by members of the Football Reporters of Canada as well as the nine CFL head coaches.

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Travis Lulay, who is slated to become a free agent at the end of the year, is coming back from a sprained MCL he sustained in September. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

opportunity, just having been injured, knowing how precious the opportunity is to get on the field," said Lulay.

Lulay also knows the importance of being prepared in case he's called upon in the playoffs. The Lions and Stampeders will meet again in the West Division semifinal on Nov. 15.

Jennings, the rookie QB, seems like the obvious choice to start that game, but a healthy and confident Lulay would provide substantial insurance in case anything goes wrong for Jennings in the post-season.

Soon enough, the Lions will have to make a long-term decision at the quarterback position. That will be sorted out this off-season.

Lulay, 32, is currently signed through to the remainder of 2015.

Jennings, 23, was put into the starting role when Lulay and John Beck were both injured in September, and has made the most of his opportunity, helping to spark the offence at a critical point in the season.

After suffering a sprained

MCL at the beginning of September, Lulay has gone through yet another recovery process — he's endured similar circumstances due to shoulder injuries — and, once activated to the roster, soldiered on as the good teammate from the side-

line while Jennings enjoyed his impressive coming out party.

"I've always believed in the quarterback room, regardless of who is playing, that we're all contributing to the success of that guy on the field," said Lulay.

IN BRIEF

B.C.'s Hadwin just off lead in Mississippi PGA event

Abbotsford's Adam Hadwin is in contention at the PGA Tour's Sanderson Farms Championship in Jackson, Miss., after the first round on Thursday.

Hadwin fired an opening round seven-under par 65, and sits three shots back of Roberto Castro for the lead. The opening round was suspended due to darkness and will resume Friday morning.

Last year, another Abbotsford golfer, Nick Taylor, won the Sanderson Farms Championship, earning his first career PGA Tour victory. On Thursday, Taylor finished with a round of three-under par, 69, and is tied for 42nd.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Bottom-of-conference Giants make more trades

The Vancouver Giants, with one win in their last 10 games, made more roster moves Thursday, acquiring overage goalie Daniel Waple from Regina in exchange for a fourth-round pick in the 2017 bantam draft. The Giants also placed overage forward Taylor Crunk on waivers.

Shortly after that deal was announced, the Giants made another trade, sending goalie Payton Lee to the Edmonton Oil Kings for a sixth-round pick in next year's bantam draft. Now last in the WHL's Western Conference, the Giants host the Kamloops Blazers on Friday. CAM TUCKER/METRO

MLS PLAYOFFS

Historical Caps-Timbers clash is a sellout

The Vancouver Whitecaps are on the verge of a historic occasion for the club, and it will take place in front of a crowd of 27,500 fans at BC Place Stadium.

Never in their still youthful Major League Soccer existence have the Whitecaps hosted a playoff game, but that will change Sunday with the rival Portland Timbers in town for the second and final leg of the Western Conference semifinal.

On Thursday, the club an-

nounced Sunday's game as a sellout, after previously making the decision to open up additional seats in the lower bowl.

The Whitecaps are also holding a fan rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery on

Saturday afternoon.

The winner moves on. For the Whitecaps, they need to score, after failing to do so in the first leg in Portland.

"We definitely have to be better at keeping the ball going into BC Place," said

goalkeeper David Ousted earlier this week.

"We know how good they are on the ball. Keeping them away from our goal is going to be difficult but we'll do that by keeping the ball and not letting them have too much of it.

"We talk about managing the moment, emotional control ... enjoying the moment, enjoying having our fans fill up BC Place but also know we have a job to do, we have a game to go and win."

CAM TUCKER/METRO

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The Vancouver Whitecaps will rely on their 12th man, the BC place crowd, to boost them on Sunday. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

CSA mulls bid for '26 men's World Cup

SOCCER

Contributing factor is success of this year's women's event

After successfully hosting two major women's soccer tournaments over the last couple of years, the Canadian Soccer Association is now giving serious consideration to bidding for the next FIFA World Cup.

"I think our next project as a country, and as a soccer country, would be the men's World Cup," Victor Montagliani, the

CSA's president, told a news conference Thursday.

"We have hosted every other World Cup. We have been successful at every other one we have hosted. I think it's a natural progression for us to seriously look at bidding for the men's World Cup."

The CSA released figures Thursday showing the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup and 2014 U-20 Women's World Cup created a combined \$493.6 million in economic activity. That exceeded the preliminary projections of \$337 million made in February 2014.

The cost for the two tournaments was \$216 million. They

generated \$249 million in net economic activity with \$97.6 million in tax revenues, the association said. Montagliani couldn't immediately say how much economic activity the tournaments generated individually.

"Rest assured the bulk of those numbers are reflected in the 2015 tournament," he said. "From a budgeting standpoint we always treated it as one project. That's the way FIFA likes to treat these things."

This year's women's World Cup was held between June 6 and July 5. The 24-team tournament played games in venues at Vancouver, Edmonton, Win-

nipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Moncton, N.B.

A crowd of 53,341 watched the U.S. defeat Japan 5-2 in the final at BC Place Stadium in Vancouver. Overall the tournament's 52 games attracted 1,353,506 fans for an average attendance of 26,029.

The 2018 World Cup is scheduled for Russia and the 2022 competition in Qatar.

Montagliani said it's expected the 2026 World Cup would be awarded to the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean (CONCACAF), of which Canada is a member.

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Canada's Christine Sinclair celebrates scoring in the World Cup quarter-final with England. The women's World Cup benefited the economy more than expected. BEN NELMS/GETTY IMAGES

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For Metro Canada



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Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 minced shallot
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Generously season chicken with salt and pepper.
2. Add oil to a large oven-safe skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes (the meat will not be cooked through).
3. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Roast until chicken is cooked through, about 6-8 minutes.
4. Transfer chicken pieces to a platter. Return skillet to medium heat and add shallots and garlic; cook for about 1 minute. Whisk in Dijon mustard, apple cider, broth and a bit more salt and pepper; cook for about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet along with juices that have settled on the platter to rewarm. Serve with our favourite sides.

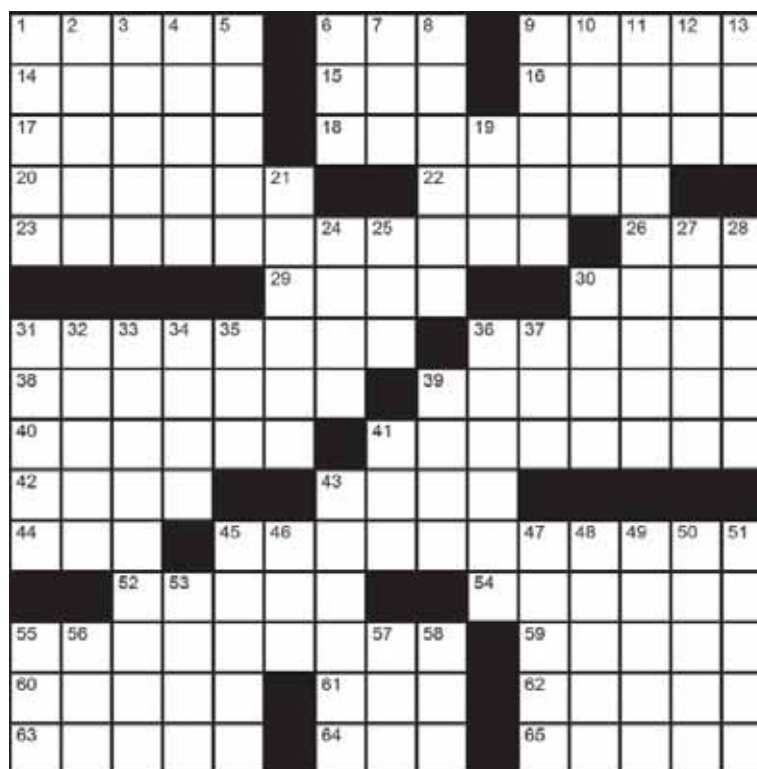
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1. Building's construction details, commonly
6. Initials-sharers of Jane Eyre's author
9. "... goes something like this..." (Singer's intro for the song)
14. _-eyed
15. Sales pro
16. Ms. Carter of country tunes
17. Amber, for example
18. Like the still-there pile that still hasn't been taken away
20. Zoroastrianism sacred texts
22. Still _ (Maya Angelou poem)
23. Senate of Canada... Creature which is one of the symbols on the coffered ceiling of The Red Chamber: 2 wds.
26. Rapsallion
29. Mistake-maker's reaction
30. Triad
31. Moustache-growing fundraising month
36. Fierce frowns
38. Ticklish music keys
39. Goopy/gravy fries order in Canada
40. : ...and : : :
41. Formally called forth
42. Tosses out
43. Celebrity
44. Sort of salute
45. Green-headed bird commemorated as a



- roadside attraction in the Village of Andrew in Alberta: 2 wds.
- Leisurely walk along
- Console
- One might require you to fast ahead of time: 2 wds.
- Insert

60. Trunk
61. "Hurray!"
62. Scoundrel's smile
63. Naomi of "King Kong" (2005)
64. Undercover agent
65. Dawdle

DOWN

1. Barnyard bedding
2. Vex
3. Art studio stand
4. Illusionist Mr. Angel
5. New Wave band's piano, for short
6. French vineyard

7. Mr. Stiller
8. Parsley amounts
9. _ Assistant (Office gig)
10. Modernists
11. Thunder Bay born member of downhill skiing's famous 'Crazy Canucks': 2 wds.
12. 'Serpent' suffix
13. Little bit
19. 'Ranch' suffix
21. Sun-dried bricks
24. Egg masses
25. Umbrella mo.
27. Last name of Kanga's creator
28. Modelled
30. L. Frank Baum dog
31. Super tiny
32. Egg-shaped
33. Lord _ (J.K. Rowling villain)
34. Cupid's Greek counterpart
35. Maximum opp.
36. Infomercial pioneer Suzanne
37. Magna _ laude
39. Athletic brand
41. "My Gal _" (1942)
43. Philadelphia players
45. Early platform for PCs
46. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
47. Bible-sounding verb
48. "Last Dance" singer Ms. Summer
49. Speak
50. Support the sport with a shout!
51. John _ , U.S. Secretary of State
53. Jacob van _ the Elder (Flemish painter)
55. "One more thing..." on the Web
56. Mauna _ (Hawaiian volcano)
57. Devitalize
58. Posh-style 'your'

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Push yourself forward and show the world what you are capable of. Today's Sun-Pluto link will make you more ambitious than usual, so any opportunities that come your way will be gratefully received, and used.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Others can wallow in self-pity but you will keep a positive attitude. If bad news arrives from out of the blue today stay focused on what needs to get done.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't keep your hopes and dreams to yourself. The more people understand what it is you are hoping to achieve the more likely it is you will get assistance from them.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It may feel as if you have a mountain to climb, and maybe you have, but don't doubt that you will reach the top. You have what it takes to succeed and you have powerful people on your side. Use them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Look ahead and getting ready to meet the challenges that you know are coming your way. Plan your strategy in as much detail as possible.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't take anything too seriously and don't get angry with people who seem to think the world is coming to an end. There is a lot of hysteria at the moment, but you don't have to join in the stupidity.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone who can usually be counted on to support you with no questions asked will wonder aloud today if you know what you are doing. You do. Ask them why they no longer have faith in you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you push yourself beyond your usual limits you will find your second wind and overcome challenges with ease. You know what needs to be done and you can manage it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are acting suspiciously. Others think you have something to hide. Whatever your secret, they will find out sooner or later. Why not confess and get it over with?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Not everyone can be as confident and adventurous as you, so make allowances for those who don't want to follow your lead. A little caution might be a good thing. This is not a day to take too many risks.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Get yourself noticed. If you are a typical Aquarius you don't really care what other people think of you but it's in your interests now to at least look as if you do.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Money worries have caused you a lot of sleepless nights but it won't be long before your financial problems are solved. That is not an excuse to go on yet another spending binge.

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